National Education Commission

†631. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a National Education Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The Government is seized of the various provisions in its Common Minimum Programme, which, among other things, includes a proposal for setting up of a National Education Commission.

Women-Trafficking

†632. SHRI MOTI LAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that in its recent report the 'Amnesty International' the guardian of the human rights at the world level has stated that "Indian women are sold in Pakistan and Pakistan has become the main base of women-trafficking where fairs for the sale of women are organized openly in the backward areas of Pakistan"; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government to check the said crime?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. However the report does not give any specific instance of Indian women being sold in Pakistan.

(b)(i) India is a signatory to the SAARC convention on preventing and combating trafficking in women and children for prostitution.

(ii) The National Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Women and Children which was formulated in 1998 has outlined a multi-sectoral strategy for the prevention,

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

rescue and rehabilitation of the victims of prostitution, and prescribed detailed action points to be taken by different Ministries and Departments in Government of India, State Governments, NGOs and other Stake holders.

(iii) India with a thriving democracy, independent judiciary, free and vocal media and commissions at the national and state levels to promote and protect human rights has adequate institutional mechanisms to ensure that human rights of its citizens are protected. India's active participation in relevant international inter-governmental fora, such as the Commission on Human Rights and organs of the United Nations Organisation is geared to promotion and protection of human rights worldwide.

Navodaya Schools in Manipur

633. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Navodaya Schools in Manipur; and

(b) whether these schools have been provided with the full teaching staffs, equipments, school and hostel buildings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) There are 9 JNVs in Manipur covering all the 9 districts of the state.

(b) As per the information received from Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, out of the total of 203 teaching posts sanctioned for the Vidyalayas In the Manipur State, 179 posts are filled with regular teachers. For the remaining 24 vacancies, Principals and the Regional Office have been instructed to make temporary arrangements on contract basis. The regular recruitment of teachers is also in the final stage and all the 24 posts are to be filled up on regular basis. All the Vidyalayas are provided with necessary equipments like furniture, textbooks, computers and other equipments related to lodging & boarding. Out of the 9 Vidyalayas, 7 Vidyalayas have permanent school & hostel buildings. The construction of school & hostel buildings of JNV